

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STOCKH 01612 071015Z

12

ACTION EB-03

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 OES-02 EUR-08 CIAE-00 L-01 NSC-05

NSCE-00 SSO-00 INR-05 INRE-00 EA-06 /045 W

----- 019437

O R 070950Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4345

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION OECD PARIS UNN

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1612

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EEWT, TECH, SW

SUBJECT: IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 64767

1. GOS HAS NO EXPORT CONTROLS OR SCREENING PROCEDURES AFFECTING EXPORTS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY OR HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS TO THE EAST OR ANY OTHER AREA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WAR MATERIALS. WAR MATERIAL EXPORTS ARE LIMITED ONLY ON BASIS OF THEIR RELEVANCE TO SWEDISH POLITICAL NEUTRALITY AND STRATEGIC AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. EVEN FOR THIS CATEGORY, SCREENING IS DONE ON AD HOC BASIS, THERE IS NO FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE.

2. MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY, TRADE, AND EXPORT COUNCIL OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT GOS HAS NOT CONSIDERED, NOR IS ANY CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO, POTENTIAL LONG-TERM TRADE IMPACT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STOCKH 01612 071015Z

TO THE EAST. TWO SOURCES SAID SUCH PROBLEMS ARE LEFT

ENTIRELY TO PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL FIRMS TO CONSIDER ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THEIR IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, IS THAT SWEDISH FIRMS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN STIMULATING IMMEDIATE EXPORTS RATHER THAN WORRYING ABOUT POTENTIAL LONG-RANGE ADVERSE TRADE IMPACT. THERE IS A FEELING AMONG SWEDISH INDUSTRIALISTS, AND PROBABLY CORRECTLY, THAT SOVIET UNION AND OTHER COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES ARE BOGGED DOWN IN BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE AND THERE IS AT PRESENT LITTLE DANGER THAT WESTERN TECHNOLOGY COULD BE USED BY THESE COUNTRIES SOON ENOUGH TO CAUSE COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THIRD MARKETS.

3. SWEDISH ATTITUDE TOWARD EXPORTS OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE EAST IS UNLIKELY TO BECOME RESTRICTIVE ANY TIME IN NEAR FUTURE; IF ANYTHING, SWEDEN WILL BE INCREASING EFFORTS TO EXPAND SALES OF TECHNOLOGY AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS. WITH OFFICIAL POLICY OF NEUTRALITY, GOS IS HARDLY IN POSITION TO CONSIDER, LET ALONG EMBARK ON, POLICY OF LINKING EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES TO POLITICAL OBJECTIVES FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. EVEN SWEDEN'S CONTROL OF COCOM PRODUCTS IN COMMERCIAL TRADE IS FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES NON-EXISTENT; THE RESPONSIBILITY IS LEFT LARGELY TO PRIVATE FIRMS.

5. REGARDING TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS TO THE EAST, GOS HAS SIGNED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY FIELDS WITH ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT ALBANIA AND EAST GERMANY. AN AGREEMENT WITH EAST GERMANY IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE SIGNED THIS MONTH. THUS, SWEDEN'S POSTURE TOWARD THE EAST REGARDING TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IS CLEARLY POSITIVE SO LONG AS IT RESULTS IN IMMEDIATE EXPORT EARNINGS. IN THIS REGARD, SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED IN MEETINGS WITH SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVES THEIR INTEREST IN TURN-KEY PROJECTS, HARD GOODS AS OPPOSED TO SOFT GOODS, TECHNOLOGY IN METALLURGY AND PRECISION STEEL AS WELL AS FOOD PACKAGING, LIGHT-WEIGHT BUILDING MATERIALS, AND RELATED FIELDS, ACCORDING TO EXPORT COUNCIL SPOKESMAN. STRAUSZ-HUPE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EXPORTS, POLICIES, EAST WEST TRADE, TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GarlanWA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STOCKH01612
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750119-0862
From: STOCKHOLM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750474/aaaacpqn.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: 75 STATE 64767
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GarlanWA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 APR 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <20 JUN 2003 by GarlanWA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
TAGS: EEW, TECH, SW
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006